

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add the following new claims:

- 1 21. (new) A method of petrophysical evaluation of an earth formation using a logging
2 tool conveyed in a borehole in said formation, the method comprising:
- 3 (a) obtaining values of a horizontal and vertical resistivity of said earth
4 formation using said logging tool; and
- 5 (b) determining a horizontal and vertical permeability of said earth formation
6 using said horizontal and vertical resistivities, said horizontal and vertical
7 permeabilities having a ratio different from a ratio of said vertical and
8 horizontal resistivities.
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- 1 22. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein said earth formation comprises a sand
2 component and a shale component.
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- 1 23. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein determining said horizontal and vertical
2 permeabilities further comprises determining a water content of said formation
3 from said horizontal and vertical resistivities.
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- 1 24. (new) The method of claim 23 wherein determining said horizontal and vertical
2 permeabilities further comprises determining an estimate of bulk irreducible water

3 content of the formation from NMR measurements.

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1 25. (new) The method of claim 23 wherein determining said water content of said
2 formation further comprises:

3 (i) inverting said values of horizontal and vertical resistivities of the
4 formation using a petrophysical model to give a first estimate of fractional
5 volume of laminated shale in the formation;

6 (ii) obtaining measurements of density and/or neutron porosity of the
7 formation and using a volumetric model for deriving therefrom a second
8 estimate of fractional volume of laminated shale; and

9 (iii) if said second estimate of fractional shale volume is greater than said first
10 estimate of fractional shale volume, inverting said horizontal and vertical
11 resistivities using a petrophysical model including said second estimate of
12 fractional shale volume and obtaining therefrom a water content of the
13 formation.

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1 26. (new) The method of claim 21 further comprising determining a vertical and
2 horizontal resistivity of an anisotropic sand component of the formation, and
3 determining therefrom and from at least one additional measurement selected
4 from the group consisting of: (i) NMR measurements of the formation, and, (ii) a
5 bulk permeability of the sand component, a parameter of interest of a coarse and a
6 fine grain portion of the sand component.

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1 27. (new) The method of claim 21 further comprising using a transverse induction
2 logging tool for obtaining said values of horizontal and vertical resistivities of the
3 formation.

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1 28. (new) The method of claim 21 further comprising using an induction logging tool
2 for obtaining said values of horizontal resistivities and a focused current logging
3 tool for obtaining said values of vertical resistivities

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1 29. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein using said volumetric model further
2 comprises using at least one of: (i) the Thomas-Stieber model, and, (ii) the
3 Waxman-Smits model.

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1 30. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein further comprising determining a
2 parameter of interest is selected from the group consisting of: (A) a fractional
3 volume of said coarse grain component, (B) a fractional volume of said fine grain
4 component, (C) a water saturation of said coarse grain component, (D) a water
5 saturation of said fine grain component, (E) a permeability of said coarse grain
6 component, and, (F) a permeability of said fine grain component.

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1 31. (new) The method of claim 26 wherein the at least one additional measurement
2 comprises an NMR measurement, and deriving the parameter of interest further

3 comprises deriving a distribution of relaxation times from said NMR
4 measurements and obtaining therefrom a distribution of components of said
5 anisotropic sand.

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1 32. (new) The method of claim 26 wherein the at least one additional measurement
2 comprises a bulk permeability measurement of the anisotropic sand and deriving
3 the parameter of interest further comprises:

- 4 A. obtaining a family of possible distributions of volume fractions and bulk
5 irreducible water content (BVI) for the coarse and fine sand components;
- 6 B. determining horizontal, vertical and bulk permeability values associated
7 with said family of possible distributions; and
- 8 C. selecting from said family of possible distributions the one distribution
9 that has a determined bulk permeability substantially equal to the
10 measured bulk permeability.

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1 33. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein said bulk permeability is obtained from
2 the group consisting of (I) NMR diffusion measurements, (II) a formation testing
3 instrument, (III) a pressure buildup test, and, (IV) a pressure drawdown test.

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1 34. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein determining the horizontal and vertical
2 permeability values associated with said family of distributions for the coarse and

3 fine sand components further comprises using the Coates-Timur equation

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$$k = \left(\frac{\phi}{C} \right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{\phi - BVI}{BVI} \right)^b$$

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6 where k is a permeability, ϕ is a porosity, BVI is the bound volume irreducible,
7 and a , b , and C are fitting parameters.

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1 35. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein determining horizontal, vertical and bulk
2 permeability values further comprises using a relationship of the form

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$$k = C \phi^a T^b$$

4 where k_e is a permeability, ϕ is a porosity and T is a NMR relaxation time, and a ,
5 b , and C are fitting parameters.

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1 36. (new) The method of claim 35 wherein T is a longitudinal NMR relaxation time.

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1 37. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein the coarse sand portion of the selected
2 distribution is characterized by an irreducible water saturation less than an
3 irreducible water saturation of the fine grain sand portion of the selected
4 distribution.

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1 38. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein the determined bulk permeability is a

2 spherical permeability related to the horizontal and vertical permeability values by
3 a relationship of the form

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$$k_{sph} = \left(k_h^2 k_v \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$